Smuggling of Fake Notes

*4221. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the smuggling of fake notes on a large scale from across the border;

(b) if so, the details of fake notes seized during the last year, State-wise;

(c) the names of neighbouring countries in which press/units of printing fake notes are located; and

(d) the details of talks, initiated by Government with these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (b) Yes Sir. The details of fake Indian currency notes seized during the last financial year, State-wise, are as under:—

Name of State/Union Territory	Value of fake currency notes seized (in Rs.)
Assam	1,24,500.00
Tripura	4300.00
Delhi	45,98,000.00

(c) Intelligence reports indicate that some of the said fake notes were printed in Bangladesh.

(d) The Government has taken up the matter of smuggling of fake Indian currency notes with the Government of Bangladesh.

The matter was discussed in the Home Secretary level talks held in September 2004, where we conveyed our concern that Bangladesh was being used as a transit to smuggle counterfeit currency, originating elsewhere, into India. The matter has also been frequently discussed at the Director General level biannual talks between the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) most recent being in the April, 12—17BSF-BDRtalks.

The Government has also taken up the issue of smuggling of fake Indian currency from Nepal and Pakistan bilaterally with the Government of these countries.

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